

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:**

#### **LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. - 8. (canceled).

9. (new): A fine adjusting device for a sprung balance, formed of a balance provided with poising screws, pivoted between a plate and a balance cock supporting an index, and a balance spring, by means of poising screws and tightening devices provided at the balance cock and the index, wherein the balance cock is provided with a first lug comprising a first device tightening the end of the balance spring, said device being formed by a clamp comprising a fixed arm in the shape of a stirrup extending said lug perpendicularly and in which there is hinged an L-shaped rocking element that can be manoeuvred by a flanged screw, wherein the index is provided with an extension comprising a second device tightening the outer curve of the balance spring, said device being identical to the first and able to be manoeuvred by a flanged screw, and wherein the balance cock is provided with a second lug comprising a third tightening device formed by a screw screwed into said lug through an oblong aperture of an annular extension of the index to lock said index in a determined position, the three screws enabling a fine adjustment to be carried out.

10. (new): A fine adjusting device for a sprung balance, formed of a balance provided with poising screws, pivoted between a plate and a balance cock supporting an index, and a balance spring, by means of poising screws and tightening devices provided at the balance cock

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and the index, wherein the index is provided with a first lug in which there is fixed a first device tightening the outer-curve of the balance spring, said device being formed by a vise comprising a fixed jaw secured to the first lug and a mobile jaw that can be manoeuvred by a conical head screw, and wherein the balance cock is provided with a second device for tightening the end of the balance spring, said device being identical to the first and fixed in a plate secured to the balance cock and able to be manoeuvred by a conical head screw and wherein the balance cock is provided with a second lug including a third tightening device formed by a screw screwed into said lug through an oblong aperture of an annular extension of the index to lock said index in a determined position, the three screws enabling a fine adjustment to be carried out.

11. (new): The adjusting device according to claim 9, wherein each rocking element is formed by a large arm and a small L-shaped arm including a notch delimited by a top lip and a bottom lip, in which the flange of the associated screw engages to open or close the clamp formed by the stirrup and the large arm.

12. (new): The adjusting device according to claim 11, wherein the top lip of the L-shaped rocking element includes a plane inclined towards the notch cooperating with a corresponding inclined plane of the flange of a tightening screw to open the clamp by being unscrewed.

13. (new): The adjusting device according to claim 11, wherein the bottom lip of the L-shaped rocking element is longer than the top lip and extends under the flange of a tightening screw to close the jaw by being screwed in.

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14. (new): The adjusting device according to claim 9, wherein the large arm of an L-shaped rocking element ends in a shoe the ends of which abut against the base of the stirrup while having a curvature corresponding to that of the outer curve of the balance spring.

15. (new): The adjusting device according to claims 9, wherein the poising screws of the balance have a cylindrical head with a cut face.

16. (new): The adjusting device according to claims 9, wherein the index is further provided with an index tail able to be manoeuvred by a screw against the force of a return spring.